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cylindrica, Bull., *Lycogala epidendrum*, Buxb., *Dermodium conicum*, Pers.

B.—The portion without the fine net-work having a very wide-meshed net-work and with an irregular outline, *Siphoptychium Casparyi*, Rki., *Tubulina stipitata*, B. & Rav.

10.—Thickenings in the shape of a delicate, fine-meshed net-work covering about two-thirds of the surface, the remaining portion with scattered warts and ridges; the warted portion having the sharp, regular outline of a wide spindle, the ends of the spindle lying at the poles of the sphere, *Enteridium Rozeanum*, Rki.

11.—Thickenings in the shape of a delicate fine-meshed net-work covering about one-half of the surface, the remaining portion with scattered warts and ridges; the warted portion having a sharp, regular, circular outline, *Reticularia Lycoperdon*, Bull.

It will be seen from this series how readily the rather complex sculpturing of numbers 9, 10 and 11 might have had its origin from a simple warted type by the gradual coalescence of the warts in certain directions.

Note on Orthotricha.—MR. HAROLD WINGATE also remarked that in the Journal of Mycology for November, 1886, he had described a new genus of Myxomycetes under the name of *Orthotricha*. In some of the journals which noticed the article the genus was mentioned as *Orthotrichia*, and in Saccardo's Sylloge Fungorum, vol. vii, part i, this error was repeated. It is inferred that it was done in error as no mention is made of any intention to correct the original name. As the original name conflicted with that of a genus of mosses, the speaker had concluded to adopt the orthography as given in Saccardo :—*Orthotrichia* instead of *Orthotricha*.

JULY 16.

MR. CHARLES MORRIS in the chair.

Thirteen persons present.

The following papers were presented for publication :—

“Notes on the food of birds.” By Frank C. Baker.

“A review of the European and American Uranoscopidae or Star-Gazers.” By Philip H. Kirsch.

JULY 23.

MR. CHARLES MORRIS in the chair.

Seven persons present.

The following papers were presented for publication :—

“Remarks on the Round-tailed Muskrat, *Neofiber Alleni*, True.”

By Frank C. Baker.

“Notes on the Anatomy of *Pholas* (*Barnea*) *Costata* and *Zirphæa Crispata*, Lin.” By W. H. Dall.

“On the Anatomy of *Aerope* and *Zingis*.” By H. A. Pilsbry.

JULY 30.

Mr. THOMAS MEEHAN, Vice-president, in the chair.

A paper entitled “Description of New Shells from the Island of Segon, New Hebrides.” By Wm. D. Hartman, was presented for publication.

The death of Charlemagne Tower, a member, on the 24th inst., was announced.

On report of the Publication Committee the request of the author for the withdrawal of the following papers was granted :—

“The Phylogeny of the Sweat-Glands.” By John A. Ryder.

“On the Origin and Meaning of Sex.” By John A. Ryder.

The following were ordered to be printed :—